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SUBJECT: EA/PRCM WEEKLY STATUS REPORT

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1. MESSRS. WOODCOCK, GATES AND CROSS (CONFIDENTIAL)

MR. WOODCOCK PLANS TO BE IN WASHINGTON MAY 31 TO JUNE 2 AND
AGAIN FROM JUNE 6 THROUGH 15 FOR BRIEFINGS HERE AND WITH
OTHER USG AGENCIES. AMBASSADOR GATES WILL BE IN WASHINGTON
JUNE 6-8 AND WILL BE SEEING YOU JUNE 6 AND THE SECRETARY ON
JUNE 7. CONSUL GENERAL CROSS ALSO PLANS TO ARRIVE IN
WASHINGTON JUNE 5.

2. US TO BUY CHINESE OIL? (CONFIDENTIAL)

USLO REPORTS MOBIL HAS OFFERED TO IMPORT TO THE US "A TOKEN
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AMOUNT" (240,000 TO 480,000 TONS A YEAR) OF CHINESE CRUDE.
INITIAL CHINESE REACTION HAS BEEN FAVORABLE. MOBIL WOULD
PRESUMABLY MARKET THIS OIL ON THE WEST COAST, WHERE, LIKE
THE SIMILAR INDONESIAN CRUDE, IT COULD BE USED AS FUEL OR
CONVERTED TO PETROCHEMICALS. WE ASSUME, NEVERTHELESS, THAT
MOBIL DEALS WITH CHINA LARGELY TO ENCOURAGE THE PRC TO
ACCEPT MOBIL'S HELP IN EXTRACTING AND MARKETING CHINESE

OFFSHORE OIL, EVEN THOUGH THE PRC HAS REPEATEDLY MADE CLEAR IT IS NOT INTERESTED IN JOINT VENTURES.

3. CANTON FAIR (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

THE 41ST SESSION OF THE SEMI-ANNUAL CANTON TRADE FAIR CLOSED ON MAY 15 WITH TOTAL US TRANSACTIONS OF DOLS. 60 MILLION, WHICH APPROACHES THE PREVIOUS RECORD OF DOLS. 60-65 MILLION REACHED IN THE SPRING OF 1975. IN COMPLIANCE WITH AN INSPECTORS' RECOMMENDATION, USLO THIS YEAR MANNED OUR CANTON FAIR OFFICE ONLY DURING THE FIRST AND LAST WEEKS OF THE FAIR. WE HAVE RECEIVED TWO COMPLAINTS FROM US FIRMS ABOUT THIS CHANGE. WE PLAN TO SOLICIT USLO'S VIEWS ON RESUMING FULL COVERAGE.

4. US-JAPAN CHINA EXPERTS TALKS (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

THE DIRECTOR OF THE CHINA DIVISION OF THE JAPANESE FOREIGN MINISTRY (TAJIMA) HAS AGREED TO JUNE 20-21 FOR THE ANNUAL US-JAPAN EXPERTS TALKS, WHICH WILL BE HELD IN WASHINGTON THIS YEAR. I WILL BE CHAIRING THE US SIDE. THE JAPANESE WISH TO KEEP THE FACT OF THE TALKS CLASSIFIED AND, IF PRESS INQUIRIES ARISE, WILL INDICATE THAT TAJIMA IS IN WASHINGTON FOR CONSULTATIONS WITH THE JAPANESE EMBASSY BUT WILL TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE DISCUSSIONS WITH US OFFICIALS. WE WILL BE SEEKING A TIME FOR A BRIEF MEETING WITH YOU FOR TAJIMA.

5. TIBET (CONFIDENTIAL)

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IN RESPONSE TO LETTERS TO THE PRESIDENT, THE SECRETARY, AND A NUMBER OF OTHER USG OFFICIALS, NEA HAS CALLED TENZIN TETHONG, WHO HEADS THE DALAI LAMA'S OFFICE OF TIBET IN NEW YORK. TETHONG HAS AGREED TO AN APPOINTMENT WITH ONE OF THE INDIAN DESK OFFICERS MAY 31. WE ASSUME HIS MAJOR PRESENTATION WILL BE ON TIBETAN HUMAN RIGHTS.
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